regard. With a view to suggest measures for an equitable way to settle them on the lands that could possibly be made available, a commission will be set up to make suitable recommendation in this regard.

Panchayats and Local Bodies.

It has been the policy of my Government to assist in the development of Panchayats and Local Bodies as effective democratic institutions in the development of the State. Various development works will be carried out by the Panchayats in the next year in furtherance of this policy.

For the implementation of schemes of civic improvement in the various Municipalities, aid in the form of grants and loans will be given by Government during the coming year.

Agriculture.

Large scale programme of intensive cultivation on modern scientific methods are being taken up. During the coming year, it is proposed to continue the activities of plant protection branch, especially for controlling pest attacks on paddy crops. A number of research schemes are also to be taken up in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Attention will be paid in the matter of improving the quality and yield of cash crop also. Controlled credit for agricultural operations will continue to be given. The scheme of Soil Conservation will be further expanded.

The Financial Statement for 1956–57 will be placed before you in due course.

You will be invited to consider the following among other bills:—

1. The Municipal (Temporary Provisions) Amendment Bill.
2. The Travancore-Cochin State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore-Cochin General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Travancore-Cochin Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill.
5. The Travancore-Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill.

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After the speech His Highness the Rajpramukh departed from the Assembly Chamber in procession. The Speaker then resumed the Chair.

(Copies of the Address were then distributed).

Papers laidlon the Table.

Minister for Local Self Government (SHRI K. KOCHUKUTTAN): Sir, I lay on the table the Municipal (Temporary Provisions) Amendment Ordinance, V of 1955 promulgated by His Highness the Rajpramukh on the 26th December 1955.

Minister for Health (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): Sir, according to sub-clause 6 of clause 20 of the Travancore-Cochin Live Stock Improvement Act (XII of 1954), all rules made shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly for not less than seven days as soon as possible after they are made. As it has not been possible to have the rules and notifications laid before the Assembly for the full period of 7 days during the last Session, this item has to be laid before the Assembly again. Accordingly, I lay on the table the Travancore-Cochin Live Stock Improvement Rules and Notifications issued under the Travancore-Cochin Live Stock Improvement Act.

Chief Minister (SHRI PANAMPILLI GOVINDA MENON): Sir, Under clause (5) of Article 320 of the Constitution of India, I lay on the table the amendment dated 15th December 1955 to the Travancore-Cochin Public Services (Consultation) Regulations, 1952.

Sir, I lay on the table under clause (2) of Section 10 of the Travancore-Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act, 1951 the Rules framed under Section 8 of the Act.

Minister for Health (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): Sir, I lay on the table the Travancore-Cochin State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Ordinance, 1956 (I of 1956) promulgated by His Highness the Rajpramukh on the 10th February 1956.

MR. SPEAKER: We will now adjourn and meet again at 8 A. M. to-morrow.

The Assembly adjourned at 11-20 A. M. to meet again at 8 A. M. on Tuesday, the 28th February 1956.

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